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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MINISTER OF DEFENSE SA-NGAT'S COMMENTS ON BORDER MAPS

REF: BANGKOK 17425

1. DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY LIAISON OFFICER (DMALO) IN BANGKOK HAD LENGTHY CONVERSATION ON AUG 8 WITH LTG CHUMPHON KHUNKASEM, DIRECTOR OF THE ROYAL THAI SURVEY DEPT. (RTSD), CONCERNING DEFENSE MINISTER SA-NGAT CHALORYU'S COMMENTS ON THE CURRENT THAI KHMER BORDER CONFLICT. (REFTEL PARAS 4 AND 6). CHUMPHON TOLD THE DMALO THAT THE RTSD WAS NOT REPEAT NOT THE SOURCE FOR SA-NGAT'S COMMENTS ON MAPS. THE RTSD HAD, IN FACT, SENT THE DEFENSE MINISTER A MEMO POINTING OUT THAT HIS STATEMENTS ARE INCORRECT.

2. REGARDLESS OF THE DISCLAIMER ON ARMY MAP SERVICE MAPS, DMALO REPORTS, THEY DO ACCURATELY REFLECT THE THAI-KHMER BORDER AS SET FORTH IN THE VARIOUS TREATIES WHICH ESTABLISHED THAT BORDER. THE THAI USE THESE MAPS (SERIES 1501 AT 1:250,000 AND SERIES L-7017 AT 1:50,000) AND CONSIDER THEM AUTHORITATIVE. CHUMPHON ALSO SUSPECTS THAT THE KHMER ARE USING ARMY MAP SERVICE

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MAPS AS WELL. UNDER THE FORMER KHMER REPUBLIC, ARMY MAP SERVICE MAPPED CAMBODIA AT 1:250,000 IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED SERIES 1501 AND AT 1:50,000 IN SERIES L-7016.

DMALO SAID KHMER ROUGE MOST PROBABLY HAVE THESE MAPS, AND THE EQUIPMENT TO REPRODUCE THEM, SINCE WE ABANDONED THIS EQUIPMENT WHEN WE EVACUATED PHNOM PENH.

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